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A COMPONENT-BASED SYSTEM :

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments/remarks, which are believed to place the above-identified patent application in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal.

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